

January 9, 1968

MEMO

TO: Hubert C. Lambert
FROM: Gerald W. Stoker
RE: Grass Valley Diversion Tunnel.

I have met with the Newcastle Reservoir Company representatives and it would appear now that they are going to oppose our suggestion regarding the installation of the measuring devices and control works required on the Grass Valley Transmountain Diversion Tunnel. Mr. Jones indicated in a conversation recently that he felt the installation was not necessary and was a guise being used by the Santa Clara River water users to try to obtain more water for their system. He further contends that all of the water, with the exception of the primary rights used by the ranches above their diversion, was decreed to the Reservoir Company and that the Santa Clara people were sticking their noses in matters that did not concern them.

In my opinion, the measuring devices are still required on this system. It will give the Reservoir Company and this office a record of the water transported into the Escalante Valley drainage and, perhaps, a better evaluation for the assessment to this company. Since they do not agree to install this measuring device I would think that it would be in order for you to issue instructions to them for the purchase and installation of this equipment.

There is still the controversy over who is best qualified to make measurements and keep the records for this system. The Newcastle people feel that Wilford Holt, Santa Clara River Commissioner, would not be acceptable to them and would not act in their best interest. If they install the measuring device below the outlet on the tunnel it might be well to consider using the Escalante Valley Commissioner for this additional chore.

We have received further correspondence from Sam Cline, representing the Santa Clara River Water Users, on this matter and would assume from the content of his letter that he is willing to pursue this matter to the bitter end.

In view of the new facts and opposition encountered I have no suggestions regarding the type of measuring device required. I am sure that a "recorder-type" would better satisfy the needs of this system.

Please advise.

cc: Donald Norseth
Distribution Engineer